

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pre-Service Music

Welcome, Announcements, and Service Notes

Prelude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!”

Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

Hymn “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

LAND OF REST

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world’s frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.

We confirm to this world’s reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world’s shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world’s impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.



(Moment for Silent Reflection)

Declaration of Forgiveness & The Peace of Christ

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Isaiah 51: 1 – 6

Psalmody Psalm 138 – “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

ST. PETERSBURG

Epistle Lesson Romans 12: 1 – 2

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16: 13 – 20

Sermon What Say YOU?!

Rev. Anthony L. Larson

Hymn “Once to Every Soul and Nation” EBENEZER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

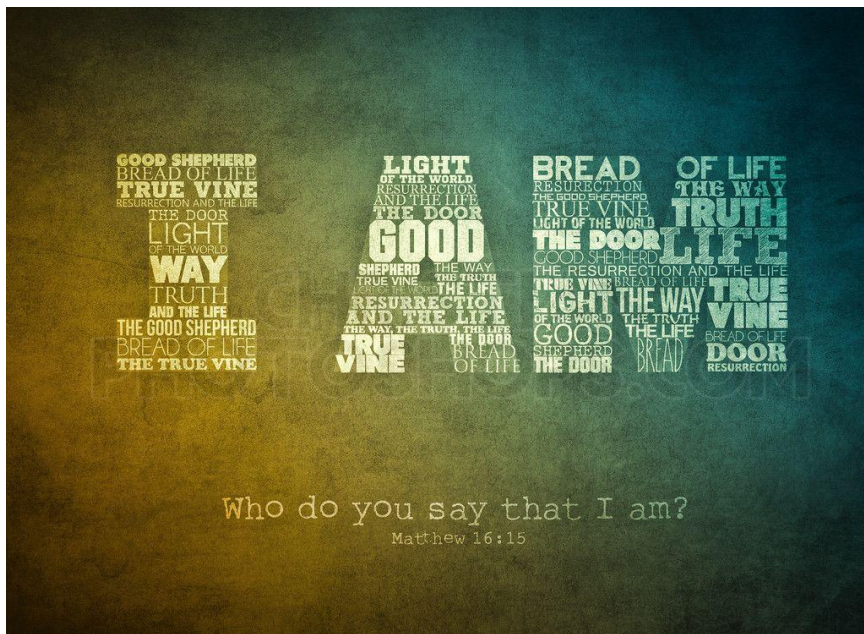
SENT BY GOD'S WORD
INTO THE WORLD

Hymn

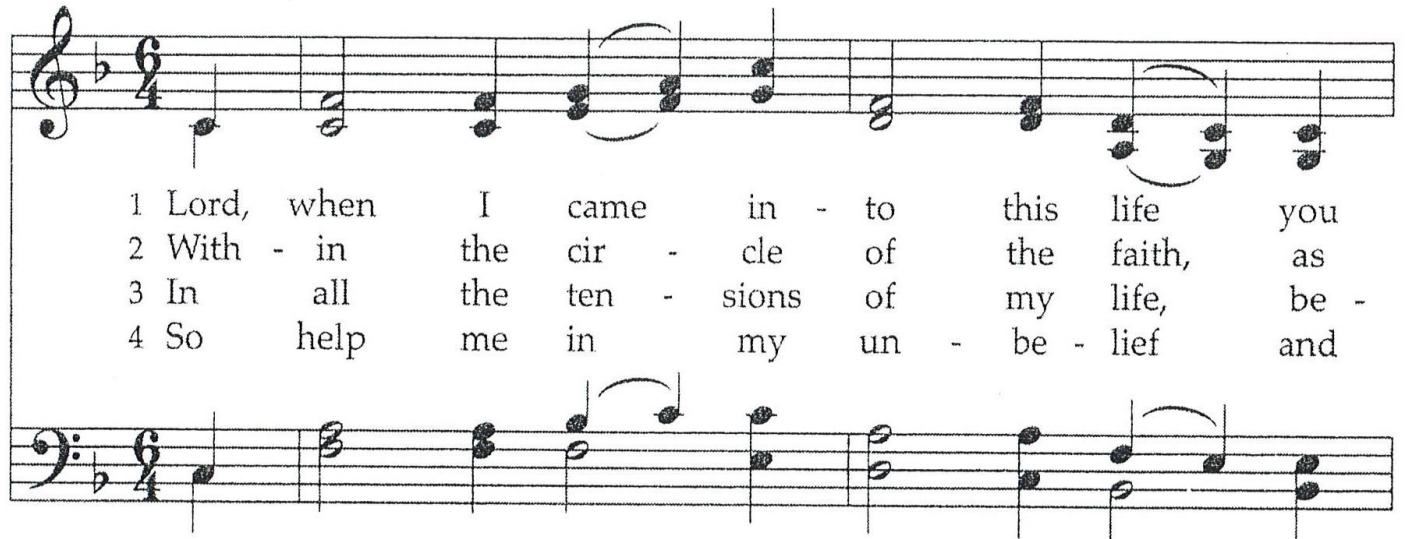
“Great God of Every Blessing” AURELIA

Charge & Benediction

Postlude



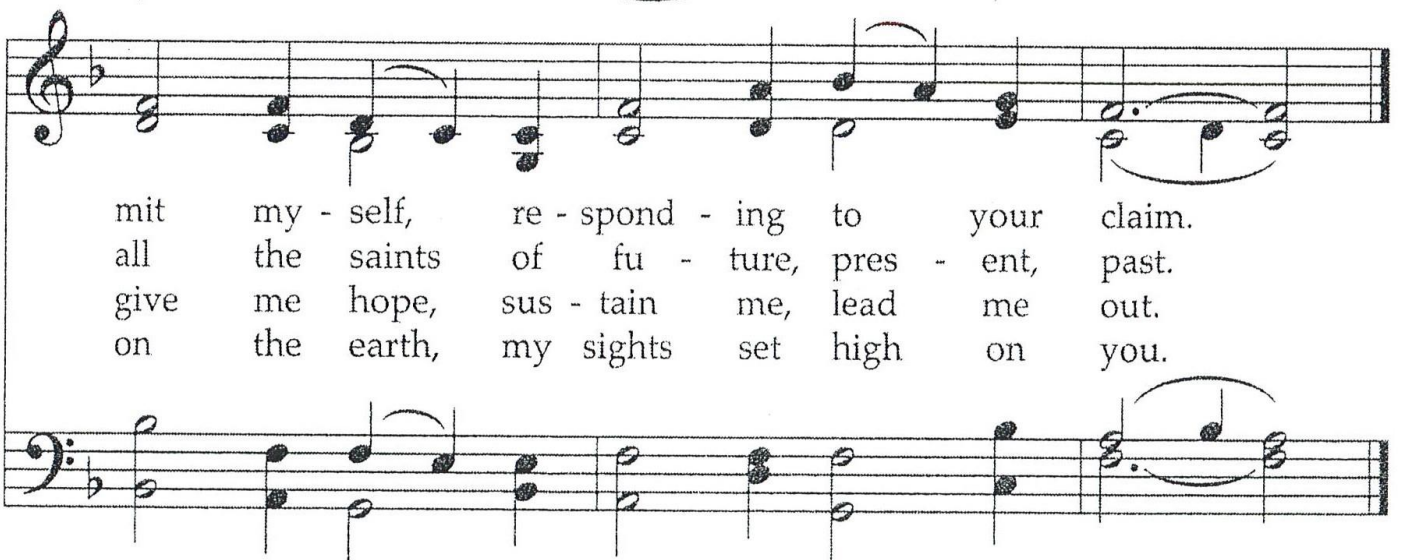
Lord, When I Came into This Life 691



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and



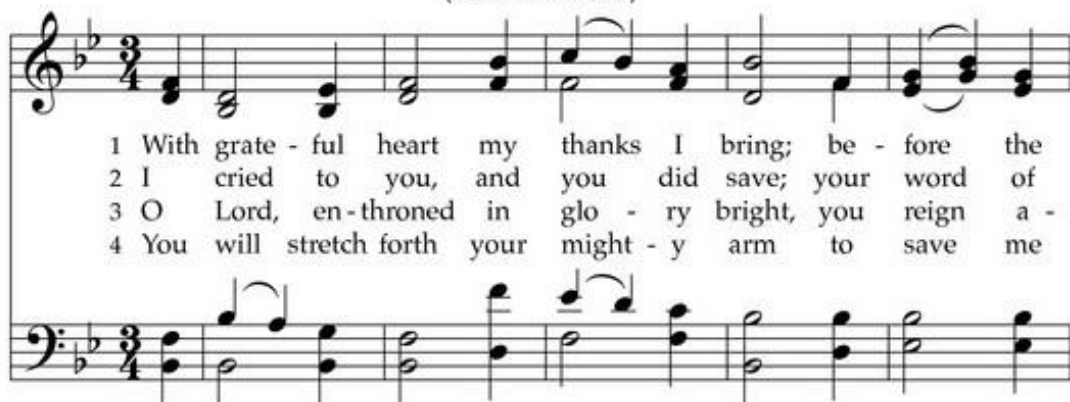
called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed



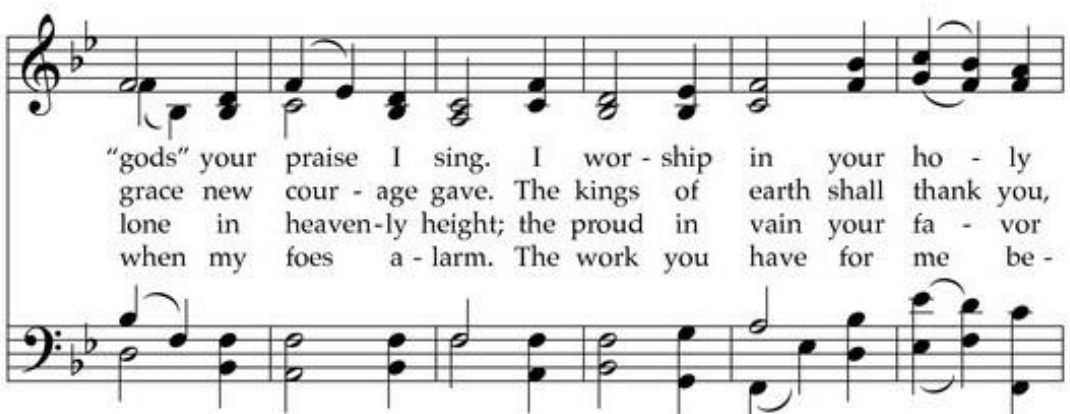
mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

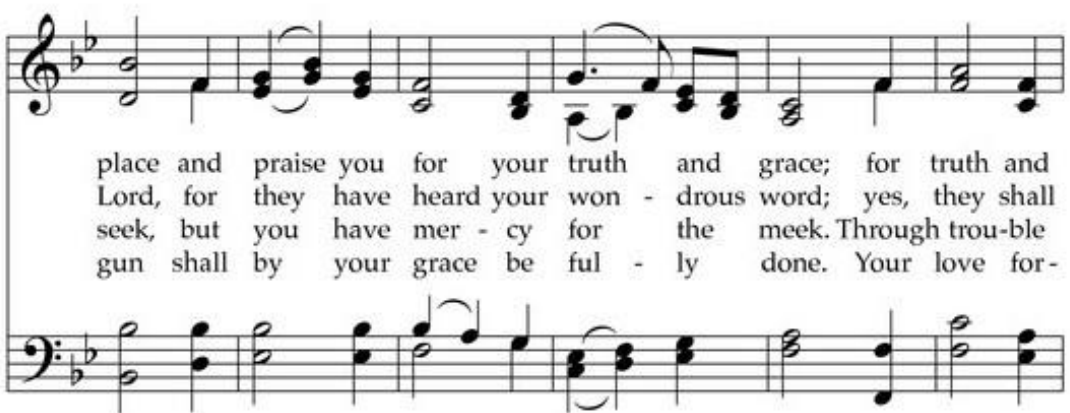
(Psalm 138)



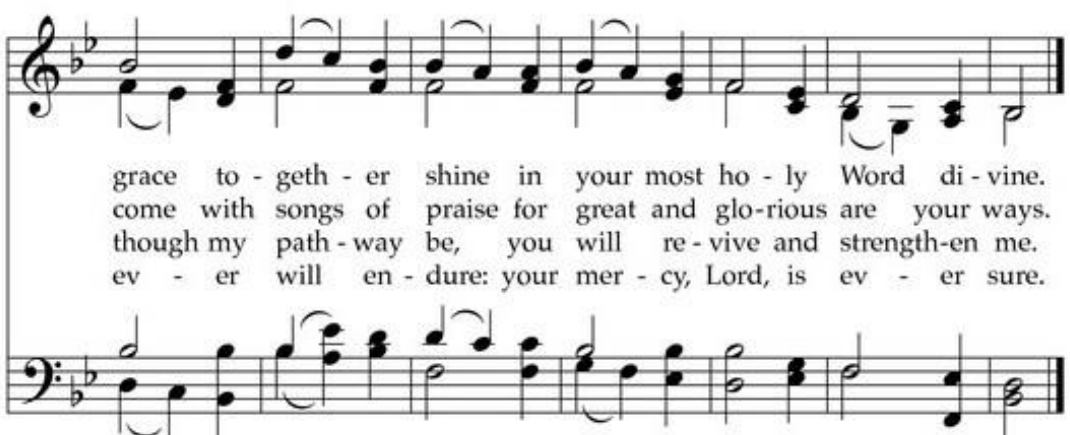
1 With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring; be - fore the
2 I cried to you, and you did save; your word of
3 O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, you reign a -
4 You will stretch forth your might - y arm to save me



"gods" your praise I sing. I wor - ship in your ho - ly
grace new cour - age gave. The kings of earth shall thank you,
lone in heaven - ly height; the proud in vain your fa - vor
when my foes a - larm. The work you have for me be -

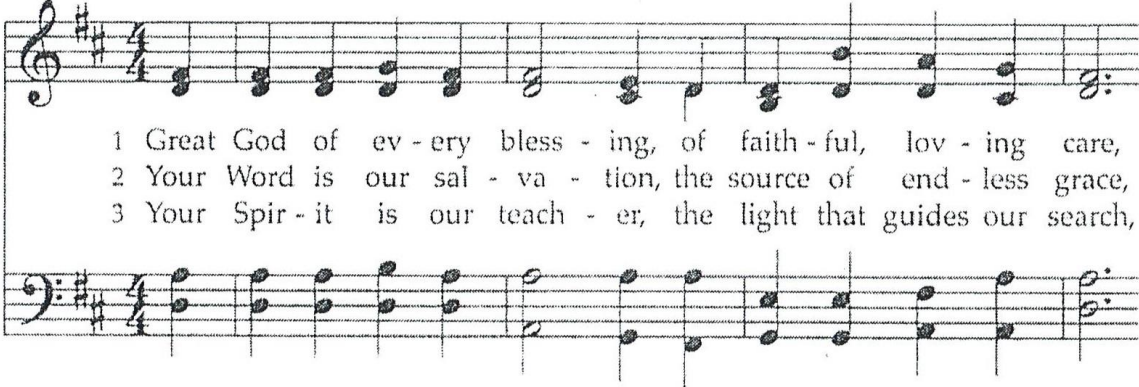


place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and
Lord, for they have heard your won - drous word; yes, they shall
seek, but you have mer - cy for the meek. Through trou - ble
gun shall by your grace be ful - ly done. Your love for -

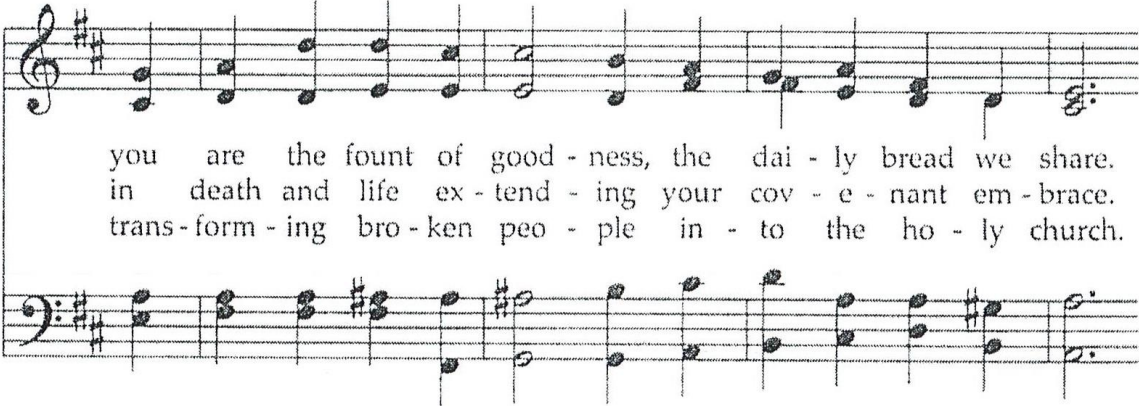


grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly Word di - vine.
come with songs of praise for great and glo - rious are your ways.
though my path - way be, you will re - vive and strength - en me.
ev - er will en - dure: your mer - cy, Lord, is ev - er sure.

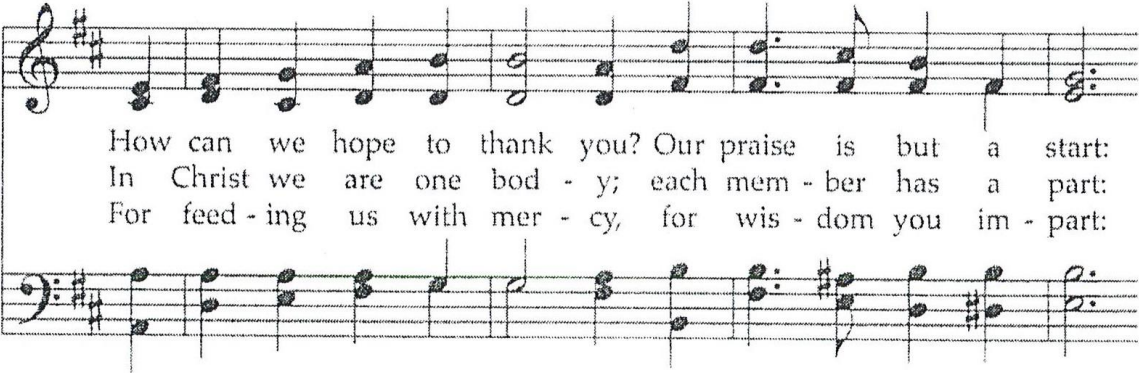
Great God of Every Blessing



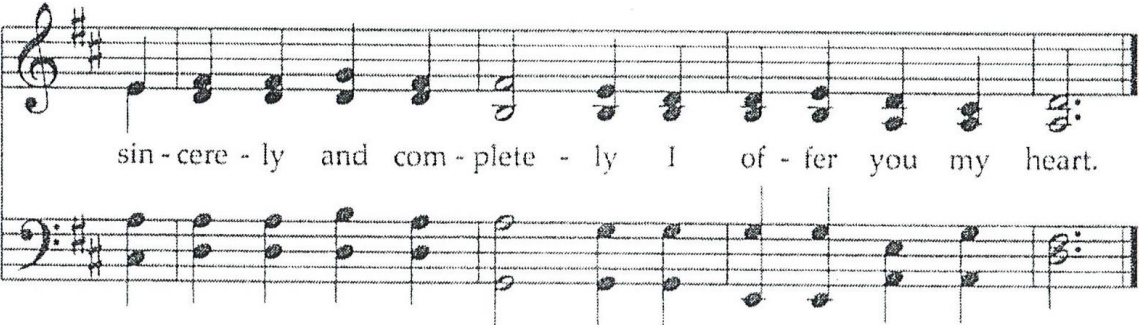
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

Once to Every Soul and Nation

♩ = 90

1. Once to ev - ery soul and na - tion
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble,
3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs,
4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per,

comes the mo - ment to de - cide, in the strife of
when we share its wretch - ed crust, ere that cause bring
Christ Thy bleed - ing feet we track, toil - ing up new
yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong; though its por - tion

truth with false - hood, for the good or
fame and prof - it, and 'tis pros - perous
Cal - varies ev - er with the cross that
be the scaf - fold, and up - on the

e - vil side; some great cause, God's new Mes - si - ah,
to be just; then it is the brave one choos - es
turns not back; new oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties,
throne be wrong; yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture,

of - fering each the bloom or blight, and the choice goes
while the cow - ard stands a - side, till the mul - ti -
time makes an - cient good un - couth; they must up - ward
and, be - hind the dim un - seen, God keeps watch o'er

by for - ev - er 'tween that dark - ness and that light.
tude make vir - tue of the faith they had de - nied.
still and on - ward, who would keep a - breast of truth.
all that will be, all that is, and that has been.